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Re: U.S. Patent Application
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For: **System, Method and Computer Program Product for Representing
Object Relationships in a Multidimensional Space**
Inventors: Agrafiotis *et al.*
Our Ref: 1503.0870001

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 (36 pages), listing 256 documents and enclosing 250 documents; and
3. One (1) return postcard.

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Applicants wish to direct the Examiner's attention to documents AO17, AQ17, AN23, AR29, AN30, and AO33. Applicants have made an extensive attempt to locate a copy of these documents, yet were unsuccessful. Therefore, copies of these particular documents are not enclosed.

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Document AK1 (EP 0 355 628 B1) appears to describe a method for chemical decontamination of nuclear plant structural parts. A copy of the English language abstract of document AK1 is enclosed as document AR10 on the attached PTO-1449.

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Respectfully submitted,

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